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Tuttle Creek tests new warning sirens Monday

MANHATTAN, Kan. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will test six new sirens at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday as part of the Corps' new Tuttle Creek Dam Failure Warning System here.

The sirens, located at Sojourner Truth Park, the City of Manhattan Water Treatment Facility, Northeast Community Park, Eisenhower Baseball Complex, the intersection of Casement and Barnes roads and Tuttle Creek Outlet Park, will sound for 30 seconds after the routine test of the area tornado warning sirens at 10:30 and 1:30 p.m.

The tests will start and end with voice messages indicating that this is a test. Residents should not take any action as a result of these tests.

The test will include the tornado warning tone, the civil defense tone and the dam safety evacuation tone for 10 seconds each.

Additional siren testing will be conducted in the next several weeks as the system is finalized.

The sirens are part of the Corps' Dam Failure Warning System, a high-tech monitoring and alert system designed to inform the community downstream of Tuttle Creek Dam to evacuate in the event of a dam failure caused by an earthquake.

Although the chances of an earthquake of this magnitude occurring near Manhattan are small, the warning system will help protect the local community while the Corps of Engineers modifies Tuttle Creek Dam to meet current dam safety standards for earthquake effects. Construction on the dam will begin later this year.

For more information about the Tuttle Creek Dam Failure Warning System, visit the Corps' Web site at <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/tcdam/index.htm> or call Mitch Frazier at (816) 983-3486.

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